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Two Inmates Escape from Custer State Park

(Pierre) – Two state prison inmates from the Custer Trusty Unit escaped from custody Thursday, October 23rd.

The two were among a group of 40 inmates working in Custer State Park. A staff member noticed that inmates William Sweeten and Leonard Knight were missing at approximately 1:50 p.m. MT. It's believed the two stole a white Chevy Suburban from the scene. The vehicle is registered to the state with South Dakota plates BG 111.

Sweeten is serving a 5-year sentence for 3rd Degree Burglary out of Potter County. Knight is serving a 5-year sentence for Grand Theft out of Davison County.

Sweeten is a 23-year old white male. He is serving a 5-year sentence out of Potter County for 3rd degree burglary. Knight is a 29-year old white male serving a 5-year sentence out of Davison County for Grand Theft.

Photos of the two inmates are available on the Department of Corrections website at:

<http://www.state.sd.us/corrections/KnightWantedPoster.htm> and

<http://www.state.sd.us/corrections/SweetenWantedPoster.htm> .

If you see either of the inmates or the vehicle, please contact law enforcement immediately.